

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/651,851 Confirmation No.: 8124
Applicant(s): Richard G. CARTLEDGE *et al.*
Filed: August 29, 2003
Title: METHODS FOR CONTROLLING THE INTERNAL
CIRCUMFERENCE OF AN ANATOMIC ORIFICE OR LUMEN
TC/A.U.: 3774
Examiner: Sweet, Thomas
Docket No.: 28099-0005
Customer No.: 24633

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. The required submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:

- a. ☐ Was previously submitted
 - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - iii. ☐ Other:
- b. ☒ Is enclosed
 - i. ☐ Response and Amendment
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit Under 37 CFR § 1.132
 - iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☒ Other Form PTO-1449 along with foreign references cited

2. ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), for the total number of months checked below:

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<u>Total Months Requested</u>	<u>Fee for Extension</u>	<u>Fee for Small Entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two month	\$ 460.00	\$ 230.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three month	\$ 1050.00	\$ 525.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four month	\$ 1640.00	\$ 820.00
<input type="checkbox"/> five month	\$ 2230.00	\$ 1115.00

Extension of time fee due with this request: **\$0.00**

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a Petition therefore.

3. The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	20	MINUS	22	= 0	x 50/25 =	\$ 0.00
INDEP.	2	MINUS	4	= 0	x 210/105 =	\$ 0.00
RCE Filing Fee						\$ 810.00
						\$
TOTAL						\$ 810.00

4. **Miscellaneous:**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1,103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other

5. **Fees:**

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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a. ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed for the RCE fees and Three Month Extension fees noted above.

b. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1349.

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) in the amount of **\$810.00**.

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) in the amount of **\$0.00**

iii. ☐ Other

☒ **Except** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1349.

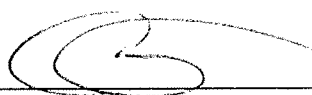
Respectfully submitted,

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